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SUBJ: MACIAS ARRIVES LIBREVILLE FOR OFFICIAL VISIT

1. EQUATORIAL GUINEAN PRESIDENT MACIAS ARRIVED LIBREVILLE
JUNE 25 FOR THREE DAY OFFICIAL VISIT

2. PRESIDENT BONGOS AND OTHER GABONESE STATEMENTS HAVE
AVOIDED MENTION OF BORDER DISPUTE AND HAVE STRESSED
FRIENDSHIP, PEACE, HARMONY FRATERNITY AND PERFECT UNDER-
STANDING EXISTING BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. MACIAS, HOWEVER
ALLUDED TO DIFFERENCES WHICH RECENTLY AROSE BETWEEN
GABON AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA," BLAMED COLONIAZATION FOR
THEM, AND DREW CONCLUSION THAT " EQUATORIAL GUINEA AND
GABON ARE CONDEMNED TO LIVE TOGETHER."

3. IN NEGOTIATIONS SURROUNDING M' BAGNE DISPUTE LAST
FALL BONGO MAINTAINED THAT HIS POSITION AS ELDER
PRESIDENT TO MACIAS REQUIRED MACIAS VISIT GABON BEFORE
HE COULD GO TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA; QUESTION AS TO WHO
WAS TO GO WHERE CLOUDED NEGOTIATIONS CONSIDERABLY.
WHILE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS ON BORDER DISPUTE UNLIKELY
DURING VISIT, MACIAS TAKING FIRST STEP BY VISITING BONGO
MAY HELP CLEAR AIR SOMEWHAT.

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